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SUBJ: EC FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL, JULY 25-26, 1977:
INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT

1. DURING THEIR JULY 25-26 COUNCIL MEETING, THE EC FOREIGN MINISTERS BRIEFLY DISCUSSED THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR A NEW INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT (ISA). ACCORDING TO A UK SPOKESMAN, MINISTER OF STATE FRANK JUDD INITIATED THE DEBATE BY EMPHASIZING THAT THE EC WILL HAVE TO BE MORE "FLEXIBLE" IF THE ISA IS TO BE SAVED. JUDD CRITICIZED THE EC'S "DUG-IN" POSITION IN FAVOR OF BUFFER STOCKS, SAYING THAT THIS POSITION WAS CLEARLY NOT ACCEPTABLE TO THE OTHER MAJOR SUGAR MARKET COUNTRIES. HE SAID IT WOULD BE REGRETTABLE IF THE OPPORTUNITY PRESENTED BY THE SUGAR CONFERENCE WERE LOST BECAUSE OF EC "STUBBORNNESS." ACCORDING TO THE SPOKESMAN, JUDD WAS SUPPORTED BY DUTCH STATE SECRETARY BRINKHORST. ACCORDING TO A COMMISSION SPOKESMAN, EC COMMISSIONER CHEYSSON EMPHASIZED THAT THE CURRENT EC POSITION IN THE ISA NEGOTIATIONS IS THE PROPER ONE. HE WARNED THAT MOST

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THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES CONSIDER BUFFER STOCKS TO BE A PANACEA FOR COMMODITY PROBLEMS AND SAID IT WOULD BE "DISTRESSING" TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IF THE EC WERE TO RENOUNCE BUFFER STOCKS IN THIS FIRST EVER COMMODITIES NEGOTIATION.

2. THE COUNCIL AGREED THAT ITS SUGAR WORKING GROUP

SHOULD DEBATE THE ISSUE ON SEPTEMBER 2 AND THAT COREPER
SHOULD TAKE UP THE DOSSIER ON SEPTEMBER 7.HINTON

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